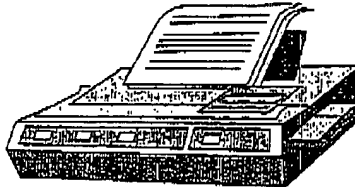


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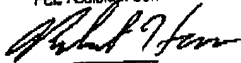
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002, amend the application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Replace entirely with the appended Abstract

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel claims 11-14 without prejudice.

Add the new claims 19-22:

19. (Newly submitted) A method of automatically configuring virtual private networks over a shared Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) network comprising: